

Remarks

Examiner Alvo kindly informed Applicants by telephone on June 9, 2004, that no response had been received to the Office Action of December 2, 2003.

Please find attached a true copy of the response mailed March 2, 2004, in response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003. The response includes a Declaration under Rule 132. The attached certificate of mailing is likewise dated March 2, 2004.

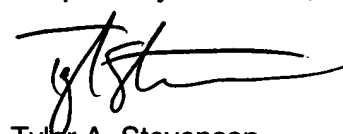
Also attached is a copy of the customary return receipt postcard which accompanied said response, date stamped in the PTO March 5, 2004.

The undersigned Agent declares that as per the unvarying procedure of the Ciba Patent Department that said signed and dated Response with a dated Certificate of mailing was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail addressed to the PTO on that date.

Consideration of the Response is respectfully requested.

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Attachments: Response dated March 2, 2004

Declaration under Rule 132

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